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Major General Otis O. Benson, Jr.
Commander
USAF Aerospace Medical Center
Brooks Air Force Base, Texas

Dear Otis:

Thank you for your letter of 29 April inviting me to address your symposium on "Psychophysiological Aspects of Space Flight" on 26-27 May. The program certainly sounds stimulating, and I wish you every success. As you know, members of our staff are following this subject closely.

Unfortunately, my duties here demand that public speaking engagements be kept to a minimum, and I regret that I shall not be able to participate personally.

A visit to San Antonio is overdue by my books, and I hope we can get together soon.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Deputy Director

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: COMD

29 April 1960

SUBJECT:

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To: General Charles P. Cabell, USAF
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Cabell

I hope I can persuade you to accept my invitation to address a banquet assembly of physicians and scientists on the evening of 26 May at the Hilton Hotel in San Antonio. We expect over three hundred of the nation's foremost psychiatrists, physiologists, neurologists and psychologists to attend our forthcoming unclassified symposium "Psychophysiological Aspects of Space Flight" to be held here on 26 and 27 May.

I thought of you because I have the feeling that the foremost experimental psychiatrists and medically-oriented experimental psychologists will be discussing material of interest to you -- sensory deprivation, isolation, drug-induced hibernation and related topics. In turn, these professional men would be interested in anything you had to say along the lines of the needs of intelligence for data on human responses to psychological stress. I hope there are areas of mutual interest that you could openly depict.

Your talk could be "off the record" or "open" at your discretion. We shall have the press at the symposium but we can keep them away from you.

I hope you will accept and I'm sure you are due for a visit to San Antonio.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Otis O. Benson, Jr."

OTIS O. BENSON, JR.
Major General, USAF, MC
Commander

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

This is for your information.

Dr. [redacted] of OSI advises that Mr. [redacted] is on active duty with the Aerospace Medical Center and will be attending the symposium.

Dr. [redacted] further advises there is no need to advertise this fact in replying to General Benson or to Mr. Harmon.

WE

4 May 60

(DATE)

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

Re the attached (invitation to speak in San Antonio on Thursday, 26 May), do you wish to:

ACCEPT?

REGRET? ✓ (See etc., 2 May)

(Your Air War College speech is on Monday, 23 May.)

Give me back.
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2 May 60
(DATE)